

PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
Water Management Division
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS FOR WATERS AND POLLUTANTS OF CONCERN IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Section 303(d)(1)(C) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. § 1313(d)(1)(C), and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) implementing regulation, 40 C.F.R. § 130.7(c)(1), require the establishment of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for waters identified in § 303(d)(1)(A) of the CWA. Each of these TMDLs is to be established at a level necessary to implement applicable water quality standards with seasonal variations and a margin of safety, accounting for lack of knowledge concerning the relationship between effluent limitations and water quality. Additionally, a December 22, 1998 Court Order, approving a Consent Decree in the matter of Sierra Club v. John Hankinson et al., No. 1-97-cv-3683-MHS, requires the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to propose TMDLs for public comment in accordance with a specified schedule.

At this time, EPA has developed proposed TMDLs for the following waters and pollutants of concern identified on the State of Mississippi's § 303(d) list:

WATERBODY	WATERBODY IDENTIFICATION	COUNTY	POLLUTANT OF CONCERN
Back Bay of Biloxi	MS118E02M2	Harrison, Jackson	pathogens
Back Bay of Biloxi Coastline	MS118C03M	Harrison	pathogens
Back Bay of Biloxi Coastline at Biloxi	MS118C04M	Harrison	pathogens
Bayou Casotte	MS109E04M	Jackson	priority organics
Bayou Casotte	MS109E04M	Jackson	metals
Bayou Casotte	MS109E04M	Jackson	unionized ammonia
Bayou Casotte	MS109E04M	Jackson	total toxics
Bernard Bayou	MS118BBM2	Harrison	pathogens
Bernard Bayou	MS118BBM3	Harrison	priority organics
Bernard Bayou	MS118BBM3	Harrison	pathogens
Bernard Bayou	MS118BBM3	Harrison	total toxics
Bernard Bayou	MS118BBM4	Harrison	pathogens
Big Lake	MS118E01M	Harrison	pathogens

WATERBODY	WATERBODY IDENTIFICATION	COUNTY	POLLUTANT OF CONCERN
Biloxi Bay	MS118E03M	Harrison, Jackson	pathogens
Heron Bayou	MS118HBE	Jackson	pathogens
Industrial Seaway	MS118BBM5	Harrison	priority organics
Industrial Seaway	MS118BBM5	Harrison	total toxics
Old Fort Bayou	MS118M1	Jackson	pathogens
Tidewater Bayou	MS118TBM	Jackson	unknown toxicity
Tidewater Bayou	MS118TBM	Jackson	pathogens
Tidewater Bayou	MS118TBM	Jackson	organic enrichment/ low dissolved oxygen
Turkey Creek	MS118BBM1	Harrison	pathogens

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed TMDLs or to offer new data or information regarding the proposed TMDLs are invited to submit the same in writing no later than August 1, 2001 to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Water Management Division, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, ATTENTION: Ms. Yvonne Martin, Water Quality Planning and Assessment Branch. Ms. Martin's telephone number is (404)562-9263. Ms. Martin may be contacted via electronic mail at *martin.yvonne@epa.gov*. Please note that EPA encourages the public to submit comments electronically. Electronic submittals may be mailed to *martin.yvonne@epa.gov*.

The proposed TMDLs and the administrative record, including technical information, data, and analyses, supporting the proposed TMDLs may be reviewed at 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Persons wishing to review this information should contact Ms. Carmen Point-Kelly, Water Quality Planning and Assessment Branch, to schedule a time for that review. Ms. Point-Kelly's telephone number is (404) 562-9226. Ms. Point-Kelly may be contacted via electronic mail at *point-kelly.carmen@epa.gov*.

This notice and the proposed TMDLs can also be obtained through the Internet. The URL address for the proposed TMDLs is: <http://www.epa.gov/region4/water/tmdl/>.

A final decision on the proposed TMDLs will be made shortly after August 1, 2001.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you believe will be interested in this matter.

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